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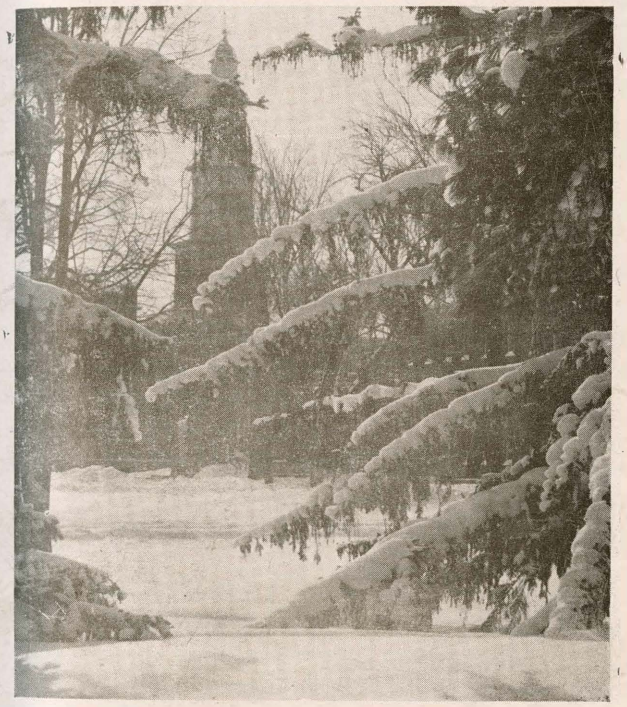

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HOUSEPARTY PLANS COMPLETE

If the fine winter weather holds up, the Hamilton Winter Houseparty will be a success. Hamilton, now decked in the full beauty of powdered snow, has been host to more elaborate houseparties, but the civilians are making this one the best possible.

The gala weekend started as a suggestion to the Student Council, was tossed around by the "big five" and finally brought to light in a grand open meeting. Hamiltonians bickered, debated, and finally came to a rough agreement as to what sort of party to hold. The then embryonic plans went back to the Student Council, where, with the aid of Dean Blyth, a definite budget was formulated and the final arrangements were made.

The fellows, hurriedly in some cases, rounded up their dates. This trying period was climaxed by attempts of some people to bring Hollywood actresses to the party, which, alas, have failed. And so if everything runs as smoothly as the able planners hope it will, this Friday will mark the opening of the Hamilton Winter Houseparty.

Houseparties usually begin with the behind the scenes preliminaries. In keeping with houseparty tradition the hosts will "pitch-in" Wednesday and Thursday to prepare their visitors room, polish silver, (metal-ware if you prefer), wax floors, decorate halls, and wash dishes, accompanied by last minute tune-ups of college songs.

Then Hamiltonians will struggle through Friday classes waiting for their lasses, as busses and trains roar toward College Hill from all directions.

The first official gathering of the Winter Houseparty will be supper at Alpha Delta Phi Friday evening at six. At 7:30 the first of the features of the Houseparty will begin at the foot of College Hill. Here Ward Mason and his teams of horses will guide the Hamilton Sleighride through the neighboring hills until the moon, silver in its cold white light indicates two hours have elapsed.

From sleigh rides Hamilton turns to dancing. At. A. D. P. the first of two dances will start at about 9:00. The Council has had able guidance and has arranged for the newest of records for the "vic" dance. So in the pine-bough decorated halls of Alpha Delta Phi, after midnight meal has been eaten and the dancing has gone into the small hours of the morning, Friday will come to an end.

Saturday is the time to show Les Femmes the campus. The womenfolk have been invited to attend classes with the fellows (except possible freshman gyn). The afternoon has been left unscheduled following the sishes of the students.

Saturday night marks the highlight of the weekend. In the ex-"PX", the Charlatans, so ably led by Dwight Carter and Mr. Johnston, will present Eugene O'Neill's "In the Zone". The old game room-P.X. has been transformed for this occasion into a small, comfortable(?) theatre. The Charlatans, hard working and well rehearsed actors, are quite worked up about this performance, and if this thespian group lives up to its past record, this play will be a success. Starring in the presentation are Dwight Carter, Pete Ostroff and Dave Tapper

After the Charlatans ring down the curtain, Hamiltonians will prepare for the gala, super semi-formal dance which will begin at 9:00. The swirling skirts of evening dresses will glide over the floor to

PROGRAM
FOR THE Charlatan Presentation
of
IN THE ZONE
by
Eugene O'Neill

Scene: Seaman's forecastle on the S.S. GLENCAIRN somewhere in the war zone.

Cast: (in order of appearance)

Smitty....David Tapper
Davis.....Dwight Carter
Swanson...Heinz Wiegelmesser
Scotty....Gordon McLeod
Ivan.....Sheldon Horowitch
Jack.....Bert Portin
Driscoll..Pierre Ostroff
Cocky.....Laurence Griswold

the music of Jack Luizzi, who played at the big freshman dance during the summer. The student council estimates a crowd of 31 couples at this dance while 23 couples will share the whole weekend.

Among the couples at the houseparty will be Bud Haggerty and Marguerite VanDyke, Bill Allen and Pat Gilmore, Don Birkby and Janet Lockwood, Bill Brady and Pat Sweeney, Bob Gens and Mary MacDonnell, Larry Griswold and Penny Kegreese, Bob Gross and Robin Roberts, Howie Jamison and Mary Crane, Pete Ostroff and Jane Reade, Dave Simonson and Nadya Margulies, Kal Synakowski and Helen Gates, Heinz Wiegelmesser and Anne Saviman, Frank Wright and Pat Pile, Al Zinn and Shifra Gerber, Tony Kuolt and Elizabeth Drescher, Harv Williamson and Marion Ayer, Shel Horowitch and Shirley Moskowitz, Bob Neiswanger and Mary Lou Beneway, Bert Portin and Barbara Perl, and John Mayes and Betty Girvan. Lou Griffey is coming from Endicott.

Sunday morning chapel service will be observed as usual at 11:00. The minister will be Rev. Harry B. Taylor, D.D., First Presbyterial Church, Syracuse N. Y. After the Sunday main meal the Hamilton Winter Houseparty will come to an official close. By evening the much-tramped-on snow will be empty, girlish voices will have left the hill and Hamiltonians will begin recuperating for classes at 8:00 Monday morning.

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FACULTY SOCIAL HOURS A SUCCESS

Wednesday evenings the faculty is invited for a social evening at the Alpha Delta Phi. The Rudds, feeling that it is the most central spot on the campus, have invited the faculty there instead of to their house.

The faculty comes to the Alpha Delta Phi to drink their second cup of coffee and enjoy their after-dinner cigarette. (The boys sometimes find them still on the tables when Mr. Rudd forgets to take the extra ones home with him).
Over that cup of coffee and between cigarettes, the affairs of state (or estate) are aired and "settled".

The faculty looks forward to more of the "family get-togethers".

Couples at Houseparty, continued

Paul Langa and Peggy Fish, Chuck Marshall and Louise Rockwell.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS CLUB DISCUSSES PEACE ORGANIZATION

An important topic, good speakers, and a lively subsequent discussion made the second meeting of theInternational Relations Club at Root 6 Monday night an interesting affair for all ten attending persons. The resolution discussed by Howard Jamison and Charles Marshall was: There should be an effective world organization to maintain peace and promote international cooperation.

Jamison began the meeting with his speech in which he advocated the organization of a federation of all the nations of the world with sovereignty being relinquished by all of the separate countries and given to a World Court which would be backed up by a military force composed of troops of all nations. To make such an organization effective so that it would maintain peace and be just to all nations, small as well as large, individual governments must, in Jamison's belief, give up sovereignty over international, military and internal affairs. He stated that separate nations would be giving up a great deal, but the resultant government to maintain international order and peace would be well worth it.

Since both speakers were in greeement with the resolution, Marshall chose the pessimistic rather than the negative side of the issue. Although he was in favor of a world organization and felt such a plan should be attempted, he stated that it was almost utterly impossible to form an effective world organization after this war for the very reason that human nature would not permit international sovereignty to be sacrificed for world peace. He cited the revenge sought by England and Russia, the depression in

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PROFESSOR SHUTE CONDUCTS UTICA CIVIC ORCHESTRA

On Wednesday evening, November 29, Professor Shute conducted the Utica Civic Orchestra in a concert at Proctor High School, before an enthusiastic audience. Child Prodigy Sondra Bianca was featured as piano soloist in the Mozart D. minor concerto. Also included in the program were Berlioz's Roman Carnival Overture and Brahm's First Symphony. A number of Hamilton students and faculty families attended the concert.

CRITIQUE: The Berlioz overture was fairly well played in its entirety, but the volume of the percussion in the fortissimo sections was almost frightening. Of course, one could hardly expect a near perfect concert from an orchestra which plays as little as does the Utica Civic Orchestra.

Miss Bianca executed the Mozart concerto with amazing dexterity, and the orchestra provided a fairly sound foundation for her playing. The audience was extremely enthusiastic, and Miss Bianca responded by playing two encores, Chopin's Grande Valse Brilliant and the Third Prelude of Gershwin. Her execution of these works was also above reproach.

The extremely difficult Brahms' First was fairly well played by the orchestra. The weak points of the orchestra were quite noticeable in the attacks and crescendos. Mr. Shute's interpretation of the work was excellent, and his able conducting was notable in that it was for the benefit of the orchestra, and not for the audience. All in all, the concert was a good one. The audience was well satisfied with the performance, and Mr. Shute and the soloist deserve much credit for their fine work.

R. G. J.

"Winter is icumen in
Slippeth bus and sloppeth us"

Reportedly, the author of this parody of an early Anglo-Saxon tune was a Hamilton Man, but certainly was not expressing thetrue Hamilton point of view when he characterized snow as a lot of damned slush. Sure, we grumble when a real snow storm hits us. It makes navigation more difficult and life more complicated, what with galoshes , winter head-gear, etc. However we soon get used to it and are off enjoying the sports that snow provides.

That isthe way it worked last week. The blanket of snow and the wind that appeared last Thursday morning caused much comment and hasty delving for winter clothes. But by Friday afternoon, some were out on their skis. Saturday brought out even more. The skiers seemed to have quite a time. The three-foot-deep snow brought the rather strange sensation of skiing without seeing your skis. And then there was the fellow who put out his arm to get up and went into the snow up to his shoulder. The slopes were a little too slow, since there was no base, but ther there will be a base next time it snows. (We hope).

Some are saying that the storm brought a record snow fall for the date. We don't know. We thought of looking the data up in Professor Carruth's notes on the Weather, but then we realized that he did not record that item known as precipitation.

Foreign Affairs Club con'd.

Germany that would be aggravated by such a revenge, the Hitler-educated generation, and the opposition of a military force by the public to emphasize the difficulties that arise when so many problems are to be solved at one time.

President Bert Portin spoke in favor of a league, strengthened by the avoidance of the weaknesses of the League of Nations rather than Jamison's proposed federation. Portin felt that the problem of representation in the latter plan would be difficult and doubted the possibility that all nations would forfeit their individual sovereignty for such a cause. Dr. Graves opined that the U.S. for one would join a federation as described by Jamison, but he would certainly exclude unanimity and include the right of secession and a military force in the plan.

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A FRIEND IN CLINTON

If you've ever wondered about the unusually large windows over the Turnock-Owens Store on West Park Row, this should help to answer some of your questions. The shop is that of George the Barber, advertized on the back cover, who has been a faithful friend and servant of the college community for twenty-four years now.

To be more explicit, George the Barber is George H. Wehner who came to this country from Wurtsberg, Bavaria, in 1890. He had already practiced his trade two years in Germany before coming to this country. When he got to Utica in 1890 he not only set himself up as a barber but also took night school courses in English at the Utica School of Commerce. By the time the second decade of this century rolled around George was doing a thriving business with four shops in Utica. The largest one was at the corner of Genesee and Columbia Streets, a block above the Busy Corner.

George took care of a Utica millionaire whose name he wishes to keep anonymous, for three years in the 1910's. In his employ he had the opportunity to travel and enjoyed it so much that he did more globe trotting on his own hook from 1916-1918. During these years he worked as a barber at the Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, in Kansas City, Denver, Butte, Montana, Sacramento and San Diego. Then he barbered on a tourist ship plying the waters between San Diego and Seattle, finally working his way back to the East and Clinton. Of all the places George has worked, he prefers Dallas, Texas.

Except for a twenty-eight dollar check (not the College's) which snapped back at him and is still no good, George's relations with the Hill have always been friendly. He counts many members among the faculty as his patrons and a great number of the students. He finds that houseparties and special dates cause his student customers to be unusually particular. George can look back to the time when he used to shave James S. Sherman, the Vice-President of the United States, in Utica. More recently he used to go to Elihu Root's home every two weeks. His face gleamed as he remembered how Elihu would talk to him for an hour each time after he was through. George said that Elihu's German was better than his and that he had to be careful not to "get the horse behind the cart". George Dunham and Charles Rogers, trustees of the College, are others who have been his patrons. Just last month he got a card from an alumnus who regretted missing him when he was here in Clinton -- Romeyn Culver, district attorney of Bradford County, Penna. George finds that he is handicapped during the war because of lack of supplies and the paucity of college students. No one will be any happier to see the war end than he; meanwhile, however, he is maintaining the high quality of his service.

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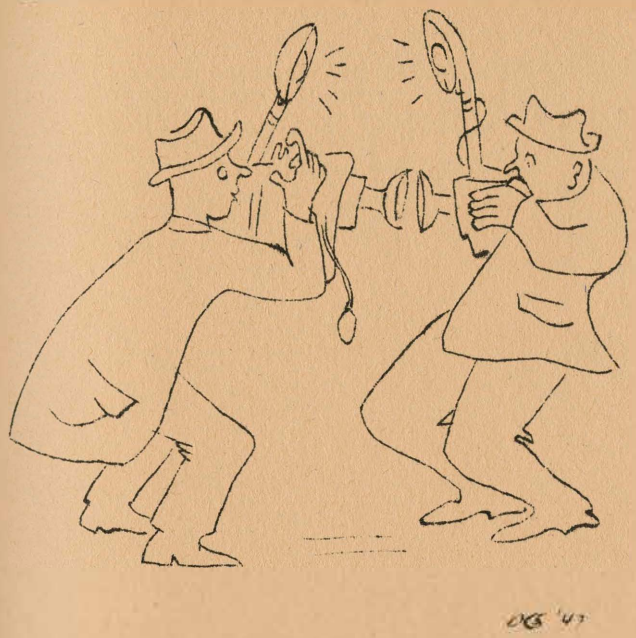


CAMPUS CASUALS

by ALEX & SAM

After observing the nine members of the Charlatans (that's the Hamilton theater guild) at work, someone remarked 'durantily', "Everybody wants to get into the act."

One of the civilian chemistry students got so interested in the professor's lecture on blood that he went up to his room after the lecture and gashed his leg with an axe. That's taking it a bit too seriously, isn't it?

At last the Hamiltonews has reached the great heights -- only last week a critic said it smelled to high heaven.

SPORTS FLASH..... Alex and Sam played handball the other day, with the result that Alex went down in crushing defeat.

It's going to be a big army pretty soon -- Birkby is 1-A.

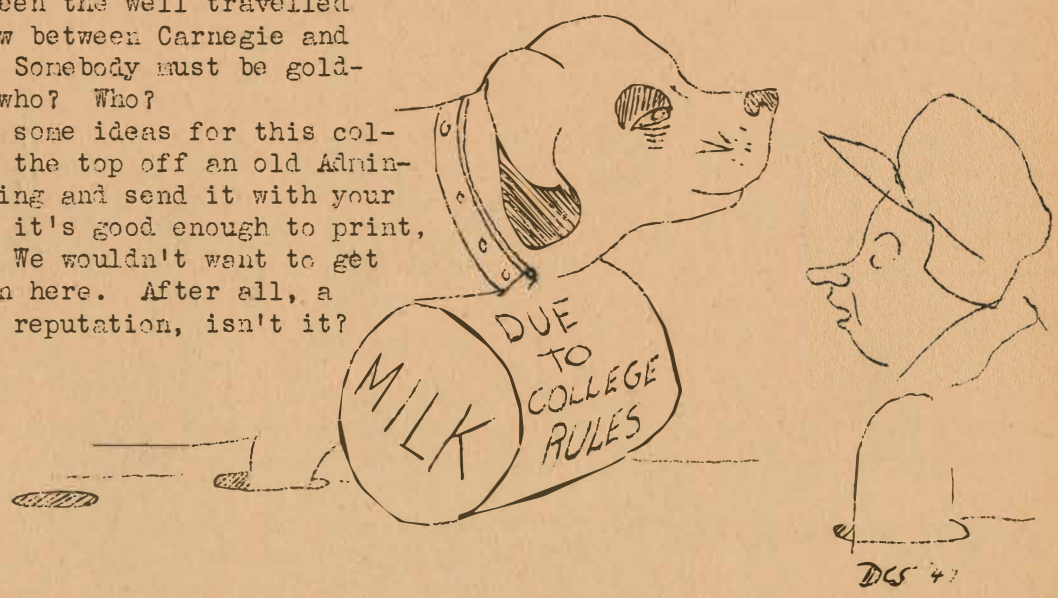
Those civilians who live on the north end of South weren't born with that blue complexion. They don't get enough heat out of their radiators to warm up a demi-tasse! What is there, a coal shortage?

After that concert the other night, we hope that no one's faith in the youth of today has been shattered.

FLASH... (sounds like Winchell, doesn't it?)... INSURRECTION IN SOUTH DORM!! Old South Dorm is slowly recovering from the wounds suffered in the recent water fights in the north side. Various characters (names furnished upon request) have been pouring water under doors, building snowmen in a Brooklynite's room, and generally flooding the whole building. Some one of these days some plaster will come down, and the College will present those would-be sailors with a goodly bill.

Have you seen the well travelled path in the snow between Carnegie and the Infirmary? Somebody must be goldbricking. But who? Who?

Let's have some ideas for this column. Just tear the top off an old Administration building and send it with your suggestion. If it's good enough to print, don't send it. We wouldn't want to get anything good in here. After all, a reputation is a reputation, isn't it?



CLASSMATES IN THE WAR

When a student attending Hamilton leaves for the armed services, he is not forgotten by his fellow students. One or more of them keeps him up to date on the goings-on around college. The three July Freshman who left for the services have been keeping contact with Harv Willionson and Bob Neiswanger. Most of the fellows from the classes of '45, '46, and '47 have been corresponding with Warren Schulz. Almost all of them say the same thing, the Army is O. K., but they miss Hamilton, and they'd rather be up here with the rest of the fellows. If anyone else wants to correspond with them, the above mentioned fellows can give you their addresses.

Pvt. Ben Allen, who left in August, is at Camp Blanding, Florida, where he is in the Anti-Tank Corp. He says he would like to be here with the snow, the basketball, and the fellows. Also, he would like to be here for Houseparty, for although he did so much work for the last one, he was unable to attend. Chuck Hemenway was at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, when last heard from.... Oh Dear !!! Dave (Red) Bannatyne was still waiting at his home in Connecticut before leaving for the Army, when last heard from.

Pvt. John Backus ('46), who left here in June, is in the Electrical Engineering Unit at Syracuse University. He says he may come here in about two weeks to visit the College. Pvt. John Campion ('47) is in the Infantry, and was at the New York Port of Embarkation when last heard from. He says that he can't wait to get back here. Dick Crain ('47), who was up here Armistice Day, is in the V - 12 at Colgate and expects to get into Medical School soon.

Rodger Ferguson ('47) is in the V-12 at Williams, where he is on the Basketball team. He says that the Gym doesn't compare with ours. Pvt. Chuck McKeen ('47), who was here for a few hours three weeks ago, is going overseas soon. Pvt. Bill Macy ('47) is in Camp Cook, California, while Pvt. Jason Bloomberg ('47) is overseas now. John Musselman ('47) is in the V-5, where he has been transferred from Cornell to Muhlenberg College.

Pvt. Russell Osborn ('47), who left here to go into the A-12 at Cornell, is at Fort McClellan, Alabama, with the I. R. T. C. He says that the A-12 is really good, for a large number of the fellows he knew are in the A. S. T. P. He himself is going into the Japanese Area and Language Program. He also says he has seen Coach Winter's son, who was a classmate of Owney Burns. As with many fellows in the I. R. T. C., his greatest trouble seems to be his rifle.

Pvt. Dee Rose ('47), after failing to get into the Paratroops, is now in the Infantry at Camp Hood, Texas.

An interesting note comes up about Pvt. Rex Gilliland, ('47). Those of you who knew him will remember how he was always having trouble with his ankle, which he injured here while playing Basketball last December. Well, it has gone bad on him again, and he is in the hospital at Fort Sill.

These Classmates of yours are interested in what goes on around the college. Why don't you drop them a line now and then?

PING - PONG TOURNAMENT IN FULL SWING
FENCING POPULARIZED BY GELAS

While the basketball team awaited its next encounter, other sports crept into the spotlight in the Hamilton College parade. Under the sponsorship of Kal Synakowski, a ping-pong tournament is being played. There are 21 entries and thus far a all the favorites have won their matches. Bob Gross, Tom Simpson, Kal Synakowski, and John Mayes have won their matches with comparative ease. John Romano, Ken Moore, Shelly Horowitch, Dave Harden, Frank Kantor, and Frank Writht still remain in the competition and anyone of these men could upset the favorites if they hit their stride. B ill Allen, Al Zinn, "Tiger" Hobika, Boyd Murdock, Bert Portin, D ave Tapper, Paul Langa, Dick Puglisi, Gordy McLeod, Val Scalise, and Pete Ostroff were defeated, but deserve recognition for the fight they showed in the competition. The matches are decided on a basis of the best 2 out of 3 games.

Over in the gym Coach Gelas is molding a fencing team to be ready for action when Hamilton College again faces intercollegiate opposition. Candidates are Frank Wright, Paul Langa, John Romano, Kal Synakowski, Fred Hayes, Bob Gross, Bert Portin, Warren Schotz, Larry Griswold, Dick Puglisi.

In normal times Hamilton College maintained a formidable fencing squad facing such teams as West Point and Cornell.

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NEW SWIMMING LEAGUE FORMED

During the next six weeks Hamilton will play host to a new interscholastic swim swimming league among five central New York High Schools. C ompetition starts Thursday, December 7, at 7:45 p.m. in the Hamilton pool.

Utica Free Academy, Proctor High School, Sherrill High School, New Hartford High School and Rome Free Academy will participate in the six meets. On the first evening of league competition R. F. A. will meet Sherrill, and Proctor will encounter New Hartford.

Arrangements for the League have been made by Mark S. Randall assisted by the physical education directors of the various competing schools. The meets will consis of six events: 50-yard free style, 50-yard breaststroke, 100-yard free style, 100 yard medlay relay, 200 yard medley relay, and fancy diving. C ompetition for the City and sectional championships will wind up the season.

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WE'RE SORRY

Through no fault of ours or his the "exigencies of war have interupted Marv Karpatkin's Army page "Strictly G.I." for this issue. W e regret even the temporary loss of his column and hope to see Pvt. Karpatkin bsck on page five in the next Hamilton News.

The Editors

STUDENT FORUM

COMPULSORY ART LECTURES

Pro

There is mixed sentiment among the freshmen about the Thursday night art lectures. Some feel that these lectures are worthwhile, others think that Thursday nights are wasted evenings. The idea of introducing freshmen to art and music is an excellent one. Most of the students would otherwise go through college, and perhaps life, without an understanding of, or even a contact with art.

Many students have lost interest in Dr. With's lectures because the lectures are held in the evening, during the time which the students normally feel is their own. But there is an answer to this. No freshman has a free hour at the same time as the rest of the freshmen. Many freshmen say that they would attend art or music lectures if they were "elective" subjects, but results of surveys of these courses show that the majority of the student body never attends these "elective" courses. It is only fair that both sides of this argument should be brought into the light. In forcing these lectures upon the students, the spontaneous interest in art, an integral part of the understanding and appreciation of the subject, is lost. But at the present there is no other way of bringing this important field to the attention and consideration of every student.

Con

The old proverb, "you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink", aptly describes the situation in Silliman hall Thursday evenings. Professor With works hard, much harder than he should have to, but those students who are being coerced into attendance - on one of the busiest nights of the week - cannot be forced to cooperate. Coughing, side talk and general restlessness make the lectures unpleasant for the professor and those students who are interested. If the purpose of the lectures is to awaken an interest in art, they are defeating their aim. A wholesome interest in art should arise out of natural curiosity. The men who attend these lectures cannot develop a desire to know art - which is a personal experience - but in the tumult of the mass gathering can only further increase their apathy.

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